



JPW

500.43772X00

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: N. MATSUNAMI, et al

Serial No.: 10/822,700

Filed: April 13, 2004

For: STORAGE SYSTEM WITH HETEROGENOUS STORAGE,
CREATING AND COPYING THE FILE SYSTEMS, WITH
WRITE ACCESS ATTRIBUTE (Amended)

Group: 2188

Examiner: D. T. Doan

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 & 1.98**

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 29, 2008

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the document listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing date of either a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by the following certification specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e):

On information and belief, I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Each of documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 is in the English language.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.43772X00) please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

CIB/jdc
(703) 684-1120

for Donna K. Mason (Reg. No. 45,962)
Carl I. Brundidge
Registration No. 29,621
MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C.